

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts  
Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen**

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

January 11, 2007, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. Call of the Roll.
2. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 21, 2006.

**CITATIONS**

3. Citation By Ald. Trane and the Entire Board, Commending Paul Mackey, who is resigning after promoting affordable housing for SPCD for 28 years, to become the Deputy Director of the Somerville Housing Authority.
4. Citation By the Entire Board, Commending Marie Ferrari on her retirement after more than 35 years of dedicated service to the children of Somerville in the School Dept.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

5. Grant of Location Grant of Location, Boston Edison to install 7 ft. of conduit at 1-3 Laurel St.
6. Grant of Location Grant of Location, Boston Edison and Verizon New England to relocate a pole at 1-3 Laurel St.
7. Grant of Location Grant of Location, Boston Edison to install 8 ft. of conduit at 70 Webster Ave.
8. Grant of Location Grant of Location, Boston Edison to install 52 ft. of conduit at 255 Medford St.

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS  
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

9. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure the cleanliness of the East Somerville Community School grounds, especially along the sidewalk fence on the Pearl St. side of the building.

10. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the two trees at 21-23 Wheeler Ave. that are rubbing against the house on the Pinckney St. side.
11. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk panels that have graffiti on them at Wheeler and Mt. Vernon Sts. and the sidewalk panels that are cracked, lifted and/or broken along Wheeler St.
12. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works update the Ward 1 Alderman on installation of the ENTERING SOMERVILLE sign at Broadway and McGrath Hwy.
13. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of SPCD work with the MBTA to provide bus shelters at Assembly Sq. Mall.
14. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Communications include the Ward 1 Alderman and School Committee Member on any CTY call that goes out to all or part of Ward 1, or could affect persons living in Ward 1.
15. Resolution By Ald. Desmond, That this Board urges the city's State Delegation to endorse what was formerly House Bill 2948 and Senate Bill 620, so certain licensed alcohol and drug counselors could receive insurance payments.
16. Resolution By Ald. Desmond, That this Board requests that the Administration amend the 2007 Snow Emergency Plan by adding Kelly Park to the locations where residents can park their cars during a snow emergency.
17. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD inspect all businesses in the mall at 610 Somerville Ave. for building and health code violations, and instruct property and business owners to bait the premises for rodents.
18. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD contact the MBTA to restore the bus stop at Properzi Way and Beacon St., which was temporarily relocated due to construction.
19. Ordinance By Ald. Heuston, That this Board amends the ordinance regarding memorials by adding a provision to rededicate and restore lost and damaged memorials.
20. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD contact the Sprint Store at 291 Somerville Ave. about the unlicensed sandwich board that is blocking the sidewalk.

21. Resolution By Ald. Heuston, Sullivan and White, That the Administration establish a Somerville Ave. Reconstruction Advisory Committee to oversee and provide feedback on the project.
22. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan, That this Board requests that the Administration develop a comprehensive plan to address the city's homeless population.
23. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Director of SPCD contact Federal Realty and request additional handicapped spaces at Assembly Sq. and install pedestrian level signage to identify store locations.
24. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate utility to repair the double pole at Florence and Washington Sts. (3<sup>rd</sup> request)
25. Order By Ald. Sullivan, White and Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the SENIOR HOUSING sign with a legible one at 252 Medford St. and increase parking enforcement in the area. (2<sup>nd</sup> request)
26. Order By Ald. Sullivan, White, Roche and Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking contact DCR and request traffic safety improvements at the intersection of McGrath Hwy. and Highland Ave.
27. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the City Solicitor notify CVS of their neglect in the upkeep of the municipal parking lot, which is a breach of their lease with the City.
28. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works meet with the Ward 5 Alderman and members of the Garden Club to discuss upkeep of the Community Path at Highland Rd.
29. Resolution By Ald. Trane and O'Donovan, That this Board requests that the Traffic Commission consider a requirement that citizens contact the Traffic and Parking Dept. within 45 days of obtaining a new license plate/registration.
30. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Water Superintendent address concerns raised by Michael Goldstein about his water bill inaccuracies, possibly including a refund and a description of how this situation will be avoided in the future.
31. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of SPCD advise the proprietors of the parking lot at Holland and Wallace Sts. that they must regularly clean and maintain it.

32. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works plant a tree where one was removed near the intersection of Wallace and Holland Sts.
33. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Commissioner of Public Works consider installing a crosswalk at the corner of Hall and College Aves., from the Adult Mental Health Facility to the Methodist Church.
34. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works use the new Mad-Vac machines to more thoroughly clean Davis Sq. and the surrounding streets, particularly near One Davis Sq. and Statue Park.
35. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Committee on Environment and Energy meet on January 25, at 3 PM, to participate in a podcast about effective strategies local government can employ to address the climate change crisis.
36. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol on Chandler St. as there has been a surge in car break-ins in the area.
37. Order By Ald. White, That appropriate representatives of the Dept. of Public Works appear before the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works to discuss the contracts to replace lead pipes and whether any contracts have been let for streets that already had lead pipes replaced in the past.
38. Order By Ald. White, That the Director of Finance update this Board on the sale of 0 Washington St., including whether the Dept. of Revenue permitted the City to include the sale proceeds in revenue for this fiscal year.
39. Order By Ald. White, That the Clerk of Committees invite Robert B. McCarthy, President of the Professional Fire Fighters of MA, and Jay Colbert, President of the Somerville Fire Fighters Local 76, to appear before the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety to discuss concerns about Fire Dept. apparatus and buildings.
40. Comm. By Ald. Trane, Conveying Board Committee assignments for 2007.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

41. Garage New Garage License, Gene Automotive Repair, 56 Joy St., 10 Autos (Reconsideration moved by Ald. Heuston).

#### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

- 42. Committee Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, January 9.
- 43. Committee Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, January 10.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

- 44. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$14,687 from Contingency Acct. Sick Leave Buyback to the Auditing Dept. to fund sick leave buyback for a retiring employee.
- 45. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to pay \$6,467.95 in prior year invoices in the IT Dept.
- 46. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to pay \$981.45 in prior year invoices in the Dept. of Public Works.
- 47. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to pay \$450 in prior year invoices in the Police Dept.
- 48. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$25,000 from the National Park Service to SPCD, to fund community service projects.
- 49. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$14,207 from the MA Dept. of Public Health to the Health Dept. for the school nursing program.
- 50. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$2,675.46 by the MA Dept. of Environmental Protection to the Office of Environment and Sustainability for recycling materials.
- 51. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the Board for a Library application for state grants for the planning and design of a central library.
- 52. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an amendment to Ordinances 2-231 and 2-24(c)(5) relative to the composition of the Planning Board.
- 53. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of Home Rule Petition to allow the City to impose a fee not to exceed 15 percent for services performed by its employees on an off-duty work detail.
- 54. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of Home Rule Petition for the establishment of a hearing process for code violations.

- 55. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of Home Rule Petition to allow concurrent jurisdiction of Fellsway West, Medford St. and other streets by the City and DCR.
- 56. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of Home Rule Petition to establish a Project Mitigation Contribution (Linkage) Program for Open Space and Historic Preservation.
- 57. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of Home Rule Petition to establish a Municipal Open Space and Historic Preservation Trust Fund.
- 58. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of Home Rule Petition granting legal authority to the Retirement Board to purchase and/or lease real property.
- 59. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of Home Rule Petition to amend Sections 40C and 40D of the City Charter regarding Divisions in the Dept. of Public Works.
- 60. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of Home Rule Petition to delete Section 2 of Chapter 316 of the Acts of 2004, eliminating the sunset clause to reorganize the health inspectors.
- 61. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of Home Rule Petition to exempt the position of Supervisor and Asst. Supervisor of School Custodians from the provisions of Civil Service Law.
- 62. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of Home Rule Petition to amend Section 21 of the City Charter to include the 311 Director and Water Dept. Operations Manager.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

- 63. Officer's Comm. City Treasurer/Tax Collector submitting Treasury/Tax Collector Public Official Bonds.
- 64. Officer's Comm. Asst. City Solicitor responding to #182302 re: Carry over of pending items to next year.
- 65. Officer's Comm. Director of SPCD responding to various Board Orders.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 66. Used Car New Used Car Dealers License Class II, Louis Frank Motor Cars, 27 Porter St., No Autos.
- 67. Used Car New Used Car Dealers License Class II, Antonio Rodrigues dba Anthony's Auto Sales, 52 Medford St. No Autos.

68.    Used Car    Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class II, Frank and Eds Inc., 483 Somerville Ave., 14 Autos.
69.    Used Car    Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class II, Gemicar, Inc., dba Tech. Auto Body, 9 Union Sq., 2 Autos.
70.    Used Car    Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class II, Inman Capital Cars Inc., dba Inman Motor Sales, 121 Prospect St., 46 Autos.
71.    Used Car    Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class II, Ferry St. Motors Inc., dba American Auto Gallery, 682 Mystic Ave., 20 Autos outside and 2 Autos inside.
72.    Used Car    Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class II, A+ Autobody Inc., 297 Medford St. 2 Autos.
73.    Used Car    Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class II, Ideal Engine Rebuilders Inc., 49 Day St., 8 Autos.
74.    Used Car    Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class II, Cambridge Auto Sales, 75 Park St. 23 Autos, M-F 8-8 and Sat 8-5.
75.    Used Car    Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class II, Leins Auto Repair Inc., 65½ Bow St., 17 Autos.
76.    Used Car    Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class II, Star Auto Sales Inc., 30 Autos.
77.    Used Car    Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class II, T.C. Auto Exchange, 176-178 Tremont St., 12 Autos outside, 2 inside.
78.    Flammable    Renewal of Flammables License (2005), Tufts University, 17 Latin Way, 20,000 gallons.
79.    Flammable    Renewal of Flammables License, Tufts University, 17 Latin Way, 20,000 gallons.
80.    Flammable    Renewal of Flammables License (2005), Tufts University, 61 Talbot Ave., 24,005 gallons.
81.    Flammable    Renewal of Flammables License, Tufts University, 61 Talbot Ave., 24,005 gallons.
82.    Amusemnt    Renewal of Automatic Amusement Device License, Northeast Motel Assoc. dba Holiday Inn, 30 Washington St., 1 device.
83.    Taxi Stand    Renewal of Taxi Stand License, Green Cab Co., 255 Elm St., 2 taxis.

84. Taxi Stand Renewal of Taxi Stand License, Green Cab Co., 1 Davis Sq., 4 taxis.
85. Taxi Stand Renewal of Taxi Stand License, Green Cab Co., 295 Broadway, 6 taxis.
86. Taxi Stand Renewal of Taxi Stand License, Green Cab Co., 503 Broadway, 2 taxis.
87. Taxi Stand Renewal of Taxi Stand License, Green Cab Co., 236 Highland Ave., 3 taxis.
88. Taxi Stand Renewal of Taxi Stand License, Green Cab Co., 22-26 Union Sq. 3 taxis.
89. Taxi Stand Renewal of Taxi Stand License, Green Cab Co., 121 Broadway, 2 taxis.
90. Taxi Stand Renewal of Taxi Stand License, Green Cab Co., 30 Washington St., 4 taxis.
91. Comm. DCR responding to #181538 re: parking of vehicles on the water side of Shore Drive.
92. Comm. Petition signed by 38 Residents re: Union Sq. Zoning.
93. Comm. Communication from 13 Union Sq. residents re: Union Sq. Zoning.
94. Comm. Communication from Michael Trembicki re: Union Sq. Zoning.
95. Comm. Communication from Erica Schwarz re: Union Sq. Zoning.
96. Comm. Communication from Anne Hyland re: Union Sq. Zoning.
97. Comm. Communication from Jason Schupbach re: Union Sq. Zoning.
98. Comm. Communication from Dori Peleg re: Union Sq. Zoning.
99. Comm. Communication from Amanda Rush re: Union Sq. Zoning.
100. Comm. Communication from Ed Marakovitz re: Union Sq. Zoning.
101. Comm. Communication from Wendy Bloom re: Union Sq. Zoning.



- 102. Comm. Communication from Victoria Choitz and Theodore Poppitz re: Union Sq. Zoning.
- 103. Comm. Communication from Mary Kocol re: Union Sq. Zoning.
- 104. Comm. Communication from Gregory Jenkins re: Union Sq. Zoning.
- 105. Comm. Communication from Rachel Strutt re: Union Sq. Zoning.
- 106. Comm. Communication from Ezra Haber Glenn re: Union Sq. Zoning.
- 107. Comm. Communication from Matt Carrano re: Union Sq. Zoning.
- 108. Comm. Communication from Rosie Branson Gill re: Union Sq. Zoning.
- 109. Comm. Communication from Sharon Wolfson re: Union Sq. Zoning.
- 110. Comm. Communication from Ilona Fried re: Union Sq. Zoning.
- 111. Comm. Communication from Melissa Haber re: Union Sq. Zoning.
- 112. Comm. Communication from Mitch Bogen and Lynn Laur re: Union Sq. Zoning.

**LATE ITEMS**